

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Not anything in the shape of money.

**Permission to the Legislative Council Secretary
to practise.**

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

8. Is the Secretary to the Legislative Council allowed to practise as a Vakil, and if so, under what rules?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

He is. By the order of his appointment.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know on what rule is the order based?

President.—Under the rules he was allowed to practise.

Mr. M. KRISHNA MENON.

He has got a right to practise under the rules and he was doing it.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

His position is analogous to that of a Government Pleader.

President.—There is the order of appointment and it does not take away that privilege.

**Combination of the offices of the Secretary to the
Legislative Council and the Legislative Assistant.**

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

9. Instead of having two officers, one as Secretary to the Council and the other as Legislative Assistant to the Government Advocate, cannot the duties of both be combined in one full-timed officer?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government think it is not possible; at any rate, not advisable.

**Circumstances which led to the importation of
a British Officer as Police Commissioner.**

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

10. Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances which led to the importation of a British Officer as Police Commissioner in the Cochin State?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The Government considered it desirable to have the administration of the Police Department brought into line with the present system of Police administration obtaining in British India by the appointment of an expert British Officer for the purpose for a specified period.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

11. Do the Government intend to perpetuate the administration of the Police Department by a British Officer as its head, or do they contemplate to place it under a competent Cochinite? If so, what are the steps contemplated?

Has the candidate been selected for Police Deputy Superintendent's or Divisional Inspector's cadre for British Indian training? If so, who are they and what are their special qualifications?

Have applications been invited by wide publicity for their selection, and if so when? If not, why not?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is referred to the Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 2015 of 1100, dated 28th October 1925 (Judicial and Legislative Department), published at page 182 of Part 1 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 22nd Thulam 1101.

Applications were not invited. Government did not think it necessary to invite applications for the selection.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

May I know whether there were not competent hands already in the service for the selection, and why their claims were overlooked if there are?

President.—What is the matter of fact that has not been elucidated by the answer? The question has been answered. You asked whether applications were not publicly invited for the selection. If not, why not? Government said Government does not consider it necessary. Does not the matter end? Any further elucidation necessary?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

What are the reasons for not inviting applications? Is it because there were no competent men in the service itself?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The answer to question 11 makes the point clear.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

What I understand from the supplementary question is that the member wishes to know the reasons that made the Government think it advisable not to invite applications?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

The answer to question 10 meets that point.

President.—Both these questions relate to the Police Commissioner. Is it not?

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

The Government wanted a British Police Officer to bring the administration of the Police Department into line with the present system of the Police administration obtaining in British India. We did not advertise for a British Officer. We asked the British Government to select a man.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

My supplementary question is with regard to the selection of the Deputy Superintendent and the Probationary Division Inspectors.

President.—I think we missed the point. So I beg your pardon. Mr. Damodara Menon will be able to enlighten you on the matter.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There were no suitable young graduates for selection.

Work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

12. (a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of work done by the Malayalam Improvement Committee for the improvement of the language, the help rendered to authors by way of purchasing their works and the use made by them of such works?

(b) What became of the efforts of the Committee to write a Malayalam Dictionary?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) A summary of the work done for the last six years is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix II*).

(b) The work was not pursued.